

Summit Mennonite Church

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Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday school: 10:45 am

Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need

Second Sunday of Advent-Let it be so
December 10, 2017

Focus Statement: We long to be comforted, we long for change. Moving from uncertainty and fear, we call upon God to make things ready—the mountains leveled, the paths made straight, our hearts prepared.

Gathering Music I Wonder as I Wander

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the voice who cries out for a smooth way through wild places.

All: *O God, your call is uncomfortable. How can we who are weak remove the rough and rugged places.*
(pause for silence)

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

All: *Lead us into your presence so all can see your way.*

Leader: Let it be so.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Song STS 124 My Soul Cries Out

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

Jack & Mona

Scripture Mark 1:1-8

Sermon Let it be so

Marilyn Rossiter

Song HWB 176 Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Offering Come, thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Drama Wisdom and Wonder

Song STJ 54 Longing for Light

Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Rachael Oyer

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Pianist: Susan Moyer

Greeters: LaVerne Yousey & Phil Moyer

Nursery: Judy & Stan King

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 39 General Offering: \$2,038 Sharing Fund \$350
\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

Wed, Dec 13, 6pm: Community Vigil Against Gun Violence, Trinity United Church of Christ, 215 High St, Wadsworth

Sunday, Dec 17: Christmas Brunch

COMING EVENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 28

Sun, Feb. 18: Bryon Moyer Suderman from Toronto: Guest

concert/service for all ages here. First Mennonite, Wadsworth will join us for worship. Bring friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's hours in the church office this week will be Monday, 11th-5pm and Sat. 16th, 1-5 pm. She is available other times by text/phone or email.

The children of Summit bring such life and joy to our congregation. One of our most important roles is nurturing these young people. With that in mind, we are seeking individuals who would be willing to serve in the nursery with our youngest attendees during the service. We would like to recruit enough volunteers that your turn would be limited to once every two months at minimum. If you are interested in this role, please contact Susan Moyer or Rachael Oyer. Thank you.

Wednesday: Be sure to reserve Dec. 13th, THIS WEDNESDAY, 6pm at United Church of Christ 215 High Street, Wadsworth for a public vigil against gun violence. it is right for us to show up there with our Christian brothers and sisters. (See poster on back bulletin board.)

Afterwards, consider rehearsing four simple Christmas pieces for our Christmas Eve service at First Mennonite in Wadsworth.

Would you have interest in helping to fund a **Ted & Co.** play for the first weekend in March? Location is still up in the air. The subject of the play is the Doctrine of Discovery. This is an important subject and provides a great background while at the same time being highly entertaining. If you would like to give towards this above-budget item, write "Ted & Co." on your check.

Let's remember our shut-ins this Christmas (Penny and Bob Unger) as well as people we hardly ever see (college kids, Molly and Neil Zook etc. and Wannee Pikla).

The “mitten tree” is up! Who will you bless with a bright pair of mittens or a hat to cover cold ears? The cold has finally hit and little children (and big children) need hats and gloves, mittens and mufflers to keep warm. These will be collected in a few weeks and be donated to BACM. Let’s fill the tree with warmth!

If you would like an Advent Home Guide for families, to go with our December service themes, see Marilyn or go to Ohio Conference website to download.

Christmas Choir--You are all invited to join the joint Summit/First Mennonite Christmas Choir directed by Lowell Nofziger, which will perform during our Christmas Eve service at First Mennonite. Practices will be Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th beginning at 7 pm at First Mennonite. You are also invited (whether or not you'd like to sing) to the potluck each week which starts at 6 pm. We hope to see you there.

Please see the signup sheets in the kitchen. One is for the Christmas Brunch on Dec 17, and the other is for snacks to share during our fellowship time between worship and Sunday school.

You are invited to hear **Handel's Messiah** performed at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Smithville, on Sunday, December 17 at 2:30pm. This 84th rendition will feature soloists Lara Troyer, Hannah Rowlands, Brian Keith Johnson and Darius McBride; an eight-piece orchestra with concertmaster, Amy Glick Helmuth, and a 100 member choir directed by Brian Wiebe. Oak Grove offers this to the community at no charge, as a meaningful way to celebrate the Christmas season. A free-will offering will be taken.

Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. CCS alumni are invited to join the orchestra for the annual playing of the Sleigh Ride.

BACM: Bring Cereal/Pancake Mix/Oatmeal and Household Cleaner for the month of December and drop into the box by our white giving tree.